

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph A. Herndon on 12/1/2005.

Replace "operational mode signal;" in line 5 of claim 11 with "operational mode signal so as to form a mode-processed signal;"

Replace "generating a defined random number based on scrambling key information; generating a sync signal and sending the generated sync signal to a cable channel interval; and" in lines 6-7 of claim 11 with:

"generating a defined random number based on scrambling key information; generating a sync signal and sending the generated sync signal to a cable channel interval; and".

Replace "the unscrambled mode-" in line 8 of claim 11 with "the mode-".

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-12 are allowed over prior art.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable claimed subject matter.

As per claim 11 (an example of broader claim) , prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest scrambling voice and data in a mobile communication system comprising scrambling a mode-processed signal including a PCM signal, or bypass voice/data packet, wherein the mode-processed signal is formed based on a received operational mode signal. That is, the operational mode processor of the instant application receives an unscrambled or descrambled signal and outputs a respective unscrambled or descrambled signal based on an operational mode signal . This feature is reflected in the claims 1, 5, 9, 11 and 12.

Dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, 10 are also allowable by virtue of their dependencies.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Prior arts made of record, not relied upon:

US patent 6,034,994 to Yoon discloses a method for controlling the point of time when a bypass mode operation is begun, based on the format of pulse code modulation (PCM) data. A switching unit, which is coupled between outgoing-end and incoming-end mobile stations, receives signals output from vocoders respectively associated with the outgoing-end and incoming-end mobile stations, thereby checking respective operation modes of the vocoders. Based on the result of the checking, the switching unit controls

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the vocoders so that communications between the outgoing-end and incoming-end mobile stations can be enabled when both the mobile stations operate in a bypass mode.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taghi T. Arani whose telephone number is (571) 272-3787. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 Mon-Fri.

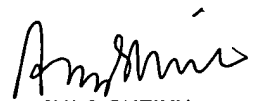
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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